

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/612,398

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 04/05/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-10,13,15,17,18,25,26 and 39-49.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

Examiner amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with James A. Retter at (203) 261-1234 on July 12, 2007.

The application has been amended as follow:

In The Claims:

Claims 27-38 have been canceled.

13. (Current Amended) A computer readable medium encoded with instructions capable of being executed by a computer, wherein said instructions include:

storing in a contacts bearer data store association information for a contact that is indicated in the contacts bearer data store by an identifier, the association information including a list of at least two possible bearers for providing a connection to the contact, wherein each of the at least two possible bearers for the contact is stored so as to be associated with the contact via the identifier for the contact; and

selecting from the contacts bearer data store one of the at least two possible bearers for the contact based on the identifier and either based on a predetermined selection strategy or based on trying each of the at least two possible bearers in turn until the connection is made;

wherein the selecting of the bearer for the contact is performed automatically without requiring an input by a user of the device.

Examiner Remark

2. Claims 27-38 have been canceled and claim 13 has been amended.

Reasons for Allowance

3. This office action is response to amendment filed on 04/05/2007.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowed:

Claims 1, 3-10, 13, 15, 17-18, 25-26 and 39-49 are allowed.

Claims 3-10 and 48 are dependent on claim 1.

Claims 17-18 and 49 dependent on claim 15.

Claim 26 is dependent on claim 25.

Claims 40-41 are dependent on claim 39.

Claim 43 is dependent on claim 42.

Claims 45-47 dependent on claim 44.

Regarding claim 1, the prior art record fails to anticipate or render obvious a method for a communication device, comprising:

storing in a contacts bearer data store association information for a contact that is indicated in the contacts bearer data store by an identifier, the association information including a list of at least two possible bearers for providing a connection to the contact, wherein each of the at least two possible bearers for the contact is stored so as to be associated with the contact via the identifier for the contact; and

selecting from the contacts bearer data store one of the at least two possible bearers for the contact based on the identifier and either based on a predetermined selection strategy or based on trying each of the at least two possible bearers in turn until the connection is made;

wherein the selecting of the bearer for the contact is performed automatically without requiring an input by a user of the device, all limitations in combination as defined by applicant.

Regarding claim 13, the prior art record fails to anticipate or render obvious computer readable medium encoded with instructions capable of being executed by a computer, wherein said instructions include:

storing in a contacts bearer data store association information for a contact that is indicated in the contacts bearer data store by an identifier, the association information including a list of at least two possible bearers for providing a connection to the contact, wherein each of the at least two possible bearers for the contact is stored so as to be associated with the contact via the identifier for the contact; and

selecting from the contacts bearer data store one of the at least two possible bearers for the contact based on the identifier and either based on a predetermined selection strategy or based on trying each of the at least two possible bearers in turn until the connection is made;

wherein the selecting of the bearer for the contact is performed automatically without requiring an input by a user of the device, all limitations in combination as defined by applicant.

Regarding claim 15, the prior art record fails to anticipate or render obvious an apparatus for use in a communication device, comprising:

a contacts bearer data store, for storing association information for a contact that is indicated in the contacts bearer data store by an identifier, the association information including a list of at least two possible bearers for providing a connection to the contact, wherein each of the at least two possible bearers for the contact is stored so as to be associated with the contact via the identifier for the contact; and

means for selecting from the contacts bearer data store one of the at least two possible bearers for the contact based on the identifier and either based on a predetermined selection strategy or based on trying each of the at least two possible bearers in turn until the connection is made;

wherein the apparatus is configured to select the bearer for the contact is performed automatically without requiring an input by a user of the device, all limitations in combination as defined by applicant.

Regarding claim 25, the prior art record fails to anticipate or render obvious an apparatus for use in a communication device, comprising:

a contacts bearer data store, for storing association information for a contact that is indicated in the contacts bearer data store by an identifier, the association information including a list of at least two possible bearers for providing a connection to the contact, wherein each of the at least two possible bearers for the contact is stored so as to be associated with the contact via the identifier for the contact; and

a network/bearer selector, for selecting from the contacts bearer data store one of the at least two possible bearers for the contact based on the identifier and either based on a

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predetermined selection strategy or based on trying each of the at least two possible bearers in turn until the connection is made;

wherein the apparatus is configured to select the bearer for the contact is performed automatically without requiring an input by a user of the device, all limitations in combination as defined by applicant.

Regarding claim 39, the prior art record fails to anticipate or render obvious a method for use by a wireless communication device, comprising:

receiving an input from a user of the wireless communication device indicating a command for contacting a second user;

obtaining association information relating to contacting the second user, wherein the association information includes at least two possible bearers for establishing a wireless communication connection with any of one or more devices of the second user, and the association information is related to contacting the second user via an identifier of the second user included with or indicated in the association information;

selecting one of the at least two possible bearers for contacting the second user based on the identifier; and

attempting to establish communication with the second user by initializing a wireless communication connection via the selected bearer, all limitations in combination as defined by applicant.

Regarding claim 42, the prior art record fails to anticipate or render obvious an apparatus, for use by a wireless communication device, comprising:

means for receiving an input from a user of the wireless communication device indicating a command for contacting a second user;

means for obtaining association information relating to contacting the second user, wherein the association information includes at least two possible bearers for establishing a wireless communication connection with any of one or more devices of the second user, and the association information is related to contacting the second user via an identifier of the second user included with or indicated in the association information;

means for selecting one of the at least two possible bearers for contacting the second user based on the identifier; and means for attempting to establish communication with the second user by initializing a wireless communication connection via the selected bearer, all limitations in combination as defined by applicant.

Regarding claim 44, the prior art record fails to anticipate or render obvious an apparatus, for use by a wireless communication device, comprising a processor configured to:

receive an input from a user of the wireless communication device indicating a command for contacting a second user;

obtain association information relating to contacting the second user, wherein the association information includes at least two possible bearers for establishing a wireless communication connection with any of one or more devices of the second user, and the association information is related to contacting the second user via an identifier of the second user included with or indicated in the association information;

select one of the at least two possible bearers for contacting the second user based on the identifier; and

attempt to establish communication with the second user by initializing a wireless communication connection via the selected bearer, all limitations in combination as defined by applicant.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submission should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dai A Phuong whose telephone number is 571-272-7896. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nguyen M Duc can be reached on 571-272-7503. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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